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STAKE CONFERENCE DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

Under the direction of Elder Stephen L. Richards of the Council of the Twelve, Stake quarterly conference was held Oct. 27-28. A Relief Society convention was held in conjunction with it, with Pres. Louise Y. Robinson from Salt Lake in attendance.

The meetings on Saturday were held in San Francisco, while the Sunday sessions convened in the Oakland Chapel. Capacity crowds were at all meetings, with an unusual outpouring of the Spirit.

Elder Richards, because of ill health, spoke at only two sessions. Pres. Robinson, in her usual fine way, preached with power and interest. Other speakers of the conference included the Stake Presidency, Chas. C. Carr, C. W. Dewsnup, I. B. Ball, John Soelberg and D. H. Rock of the High Council, George Bagley, Pres. Irving S. Noall of Salt Lake Stake, and Don C. Wood of the M. I. A. Board.

Specially fine musical numbers were rendered throughout the conference. The Relief Society Choral, directed by Cleone Wilcox, and the Berkeley Ward Choir, with W. King Driggs directing, were featured in two sessions. An Oakland male chorus and solos by Afton Stout, Ruth Bergman and Karleton Driggs were other featured numbers.

It was a spiritual conference, the Saints being exhorted to adhere to Church standards and let their lives bear fruits of the Gospel.

BISHOP WELLS HERE

Bishop John Wells of the Presiding Bishopric, accompanied by Mrs. Wells, was a Stake visitor during the past month. It was a vacation trip, but the Bishop inspected the sites of the Berkeley and San Francisco building projects. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the work being done. They enjoyed a boat trip to Los Angeles and return during their stay.

THE IMPROVEMENT ERA CAMPAIGN

The thirty days designated by the Church authorities as Era month, in which time subscriptions to the Era are to be had, ends on Nov. 14. At this time we are completing the final drive for a 100 per cent subscription in the San Francisco Stake. Have you subscribed?

CREMATION

"The Church has never encouraged cremation as a proper method of disposing of the remains of the dead. It is considered proper to consign them to Mother Earth. That has always been the custom. The attitude taken is that nothing should be done that is destructive of the body. That should be left to Nature. Consequently, Latter-Day Saints are advised to adhere to the policy which has been pursued. The bodies of those who die should be consigned to the tomb."

—The Presiding Bishopric.

A Warning Voice

"We are told that agitation is going on in some sections of the country in favor of so-called 'liberty,' which instead of being liberty is anything but liberty. I do not want to be accused of engaging in politics, but let me tell you that if any State in the Union of the United States shall elect a man to stand at the head of that State who has ridiculed the Saviour of the world, it will be as bad as the rebellion of 1861. I lift my voice against it, and I am willing to have it said that this is politics, if they want to make politics of it. **Any Latter-Day Saint who sustains or votes for a man to be Governor of a State who has ridiculed in print the Saviour of the world, is doing that which I as president of the Church hereby condemn.**"

—Pres. HEBER J. GRANT, *in his closing remarks at General Conference, Oct. 7, 1934.*

SUNSET WARD TO BUILD CHAPEL

Like a bolt out of a blue sky comes an announcement from the Sunset Ward Bishopric that they are to start construction about January 1 on a chapel, which will be the farthest west of any chapel in our Church in the United States.

This was the good news which boomed forth by Bishop Stephen H. Winter at Sacrament meeting in Sunset Ward Oct. 21, and was received with intense enthusiasm by 115 members of the ward present and who voted unanimously in favor of the project.

They have promised to have the chapel completed by July 1, 1935, and President Macdonald, who was present, heartily endorsed the project in behalf of the Stake authorities and announced that Stake conference in July, 1935, would be held in the new Sunset Chapel at which time the dedicatory services would be held.

It is to be one of the most modern and complete community centers in the Church, to cost approximately forty thousand dollars, to include a large and attractive social hall, and ample class rooms, kitchen, banquet hall, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Quealy, members of the ward, are generous contributors toward the new chapel, having agreed to donate an amount equal to all other cash donations received by February 1, 1935. Other generous contributions in cash, labor and materials have already been pledged.

A building and finance committee was named as follows: Sidney P. Kelley, chairman; Howard McDonald, Floyd Griffith, and Jos. J. Lee, secretary.

NEW MISSION PRESIDENT

Bishop Nicholas G. Smith of Salt Lake has been named president of the California Mission, succeeding Pres. A. A. Hinckley, recently named to the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

For the past two years Bishop Smith has been acting as Presiding Patriarch, and formerly presided over the South African Mission. He has presided over the 17th Ward in Salt Lake for several years. His selection to follow Pres. Hinckley has met a responsive chord among Church leaders and missionaries.

HIGH PRIEST

For six years the Council of the Twelve have been endeavoring to revive the priesthood of the Church. To do this they have continuously in each succeeding manual or guide stressed the importance of specific activities and greater fraternalization in quorums. Your officers have planned their program with these objectives in mind. Two propositions are before the quorum at this time: (1) a quorum book of remembrance, (2) a death benefit fund. The first of these is a special activity which should appeal to the pride of quorum members. The second is directly a move toward increased fraternity.

Each member has received a blank to be filled out relating to the former and a circular letter relating to the benefit fund. At the last regular monthly quorum meeting it was voted that the death benefit fund should be a flat fifty dollars to the family of a deceased member.

Send or hand your book of remembrance blanks with photo attached to the quorum secretary and your death benefit dues to the quorum secretary or your ward leader or bishop.

Another activity calling for immediate attention of the quorum is the Era. President Johnson has called upon officers of the various higher priesthood quorums to join with the M. I. A. officers in their annual drive. The Era is the official organ of the priesthood. In Stake and ward the field is rich in opportunity for service.

Golden LeMarr Kimball, talented playwright of Salt Lake, who did such fine service in this Stake during the summer, has opened a "Little Theater" in the St. Mark's Hotel, Oakland. New plays and old masterpieces will be presented. Actors and artists will be given an opportunity of presentation. All interested are invited to join the "Little Theater Club."

Every Wednesday evening a dramatic class will be held in the Oakland Chapel by Golden LeMarr Kimball.

"Progression," a romantic comedy, dealing with our Mormon belief in eternal progression, will be presented in Oakland Chapel Nov. 16. This is the play that won for Mr. Kimball much recognition in Germany.

NEW MEN NAMED TO HIGH CHURCH PLACES

Vacancies in the presiding councils of the Church were filled at the recent General Conference held in Salt Lake Oct. 6, and sustained by the vote of the Church membership.

Pres. J. Reuben Clark, Jr., was ordained an Apostle and sustained as First Counselor in the First Presidency.

David O. McKay of the Council of the Twelve, was sustained as the Second Counselor to President Grant.

Alonzo A. Hinckley, president of the California Mission, was named an Apostle to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Elder McKay.

Rufus K. Hardy, president of the New Zealand Mission, was appointed to the First Council of Seventy, to succeed the late Chas. H. Hart.

The vacancy in the First Presidency was caused by the death of Pres. Anthony W. Ivins, Sept. 24.

The new appointments were presented by Pres. Heber J. Grant in the first session Saturday, October 6. Universal satisfaction greeted the announcements, as a murmur of approval was heard over the vast assemblage in the Tabernacle. Pres. Clark ascends from the position of Second Counselor to that of First. He is one of the leading men of the nation, whose long service in the affairs of state have brought renown to Utah.

Pres. McKay is one of the most beloved of the authorities of the Church. By his long and successful ministry and pleasing personality he has won the hearts of the people. To the youth he has truly been a friend.

Elder Hinckley has presided over the California Mission since the death of Jos. W. McMurrin, three years ago. For 27 years he presided over the Millard Stake. Devoted to the Church, his selection found a welcome echo everywhere. Soft spoken, a deep thinker, and of great humility, mark him as a real apostle. "My soul is subdued," he said, "as I had no intimation I would be called to the council of the Twelve." To the people of California, his selection is especially popular.

Pres. Hardy, now in New Zealand, has been active Church worker and business man in Salt Lake. He will be released as soon as a successor is selected.

ASSIGNMENTS

High Council and Stake Missionary assignments for Nov. 18 are as follows:

Alameda — John Soelberg, E. Humphries, Russell Thompson.
Balboa—Ray Lindsay, P. Malcolm, J. McKinney.
Berkeley—A. D. Erickson, Oscar Fontano.
Burlingame—R. T. Paine, P. Jensen.
Dimond—E. E. Morgenegg, Searless, Michaelsen.
Elmhurst—Dewsnup, Fitzpatrick, Olsen.
Hayward—I. B. Ball, H. J. Brown.
Martinez—D. H. Rock, Richardson, E. Johnson.
Mission—W. T. Hicken, M. Hill, I. M. Day.
Oakland — H. McDonald, C. Matheson, Christensen.
Richmond—C. C. Carr, S. Carr, Eloise Sims.
San Francisco—F. J. Parsons, E. Partington, A. E. White.
Sunset—D. J. Allphin, H. J. Hickenlooper, Arthur Uhlig.
Vallejo—Carl Kjar, W. A. Stewart.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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Church Standards

The world today is not only in financial distress, it is in religious, moral and social chaos as well. Never before have so many conflicting ideas—good and bad—confronted the people of the world.

In this chaotic condition Satan is exceedingly aggressive. Every possible effort is being made to lead people astray. Many good people are being deceived. Churches are changing their creeds. Society is accepting customs and practices true Christians must rebel against. Moral standards are being lowered to an appalling degree. Heresies are creeping into some of our educational institutions.

In all this confusion Latter-Day Saints should be reminded that in our Church the standards set up by our Heavenly Father for the guidance and blessing of His children do not change, have not changed, and will not change.

Our moral standards still demand strict chastity and personal purity. Our social standards demand fair dealing with our fellowmen—honesty, integrity, dependability and respect for the rights of others. Our religious standards demand faith in a living God, belief in the Saviour and in His divine mission, belief in the mission of Joseph Smith and his successors, respect for the priesthood, respect for the commandments of the Lord and the teachings of His servants, respect for the Sabbath day, observance of the Word of Wisdom, observance of the law of tithing and loyalty to the Church, its institutions, and its leaders.

Our Church standards do not change. They are based upon truth and truth is eternal. Latter-Day Saints should be on guard lest they be led astray. We have been warned that these conditions would come. We should be prepared to meet them unflinchingly, without wavering in our faith, but with courage and determination to stand for the right and with loyalty to the Church, its leaders and its standards.

(Ward Teachers' Message for November)

Evil Forces Abroad

"There are abroad in the world, forces that do not come from God. There is no dictatorship, whether of one man or of a group of men, such as exists in Russia, that is not striking first and foremost at religion. They are trying to tear down the worship of God and substitute something in its stead. In some of the states the issue is between an orderly, law-governed society, and a despotism destructive of religion and all that the people have stood for."

"We, as Latter-Day Saints, believe that Christ will come to reign personally on earth, but there is no reason why I should advocate the establishment of a monarchy to overturn the government. We believe in the United Order, which was taken away from us and for which the law of tithing was substituted, but this is no reason why we should support a movement for communism to overturn our government. **When the Lord wants this people to move into the United Order He will use His annointed servants."**

—Pres. J. REUBEN CLARK JR., *in Conference Address, Oct. 6, 1934.*

Missionary Experiences

(The spiritual experiences of Gaston L. Braley, the late Patriarch of San Francisco Stake. Extracts from his biography as edited by Elder I. B. Ball.

Elder Braley had been in Idaho just short of ten years and had established himself on a ranch near Franklin, when he received the missionary call for which he and his good wife had been hoping and praying. He was thirty-five years of age, and in the full vigor of a magnificent physical manhood, noted for his strength and his power to endure privations and his prowess as a hunter.

His field of missionary labor soon found him in South Carolina. His biography continues.)

"One morning, after sitting under our umbrellas all night in a heavy rain storm, my companion and I made our way into the city of Camden, South Carolina. We were very hungry and weary. We went into a hotel, where we expected to get something to eat. There we met my former companion, Elder Berry. He was waiting the arrival of another elder who would accompany him home. We told him we expected to get something to eat there. He suggested that we go to some other place, but as it was raining very hard, we decided to order something there.

Poisoned

"When the meal was ready, a tall, lean lady came to the door of the waiting room, and said that the meal was ready, and that we could eat, but that we must pay for the meal before we ate. We paid her, although it took every cent of money we had. The woman disappeared. We never saw her again. After eating a portion of the food, we both became aware that we had taken poison. We went out on the back porch. I was able without feeling sick or uneasy, to disgorge what I had eaten. My companion's face was snow white, and I felt very much concerned about him. The food that I disgorged appeared to be like liver, full of blood.

"We went out onto the front porch, where Elder Berry was sitting and he said, 'I felt impressed that you brethren should not eat here.' We walked out three miles to where we had friends. Mr. McClendens, our friend, told us that he would go to the city and institute a search for the woman. He did this, but she was never located.

"Soon after this incident I was sent to labor with Jacob Tanner. We were traveling one day on our way to the post office and met a gentleman on the road who introduced himself as a preacher. He said that his father was also a preacher, and declared that he was hunting for us and had been looking for several days. He informed us that his father had a church and a congregation and had appointed a week in which to serve the Lord every day and every night, and wanted us to come and help him in that week's service.

Converts and Baptizes Twelve

"We gladly accepted the invitation. The old gentleman met us with outstretched hands and made us welcome and soon the week's service began. It was marked with many impressive experiences to us. As the week's preaching went on, the old preacher's kindness seemed to fade more and more when the congregation, or part of them, began to be very friendly to us. They had the spirit of investigation come upon them very strongly and this was very much against the old preacher's feelings.

"The young preacher, Mr. Wilson, applied for baptism, but later reconsidered the matter. We did, however, baptize his wife, and many others as we cared to. About twelve in all.

An Instant Healing

"During the week I became very ill with malaria. We had been spending a day with some friends about three miles from the church. We started walking to the church for evening services. I became so sick that I could go no further. I excused myself and staggered off the road some distance where I knelt down. After explaining to the Lord in a few words why I was there and my desires to continue my work, the sickness which had afflicted me passed away instantly. I arose, caught up with the company and arrived at the meeting well and on time. That evening I spoke for one hour and a quarter on the Divine Mission of Joseph Smith and the Church which he had been instrumental in giving to the world.

"After finishing that interesting week's services we returned to our tracting and visiting duties. We went our way to some friends where we had previously stopped.

A Young Lady Healed

"We reached the home of a Mr. Roof one day and found him standing in front of his house holding a mule which was saddled. His wife and some of the children were also standing in the dooryard with him. They told us that he was just starting to look for us to have us come and pray for Daisy, their little twelve-year-old daughter.

"Her mother said that the child had been born with kidney trouble. Several doctors had treated her with no results. She was reduced in weight to thirty-five pounds. One doctor had been there that day and had said that he would not come again as it was of no use, since Daisy could live but a very short time, and he could do nothing for her.

"We were very hungry and tired. After partaking of refreshments and resting for a time we administered to Daisy. She immediately fell asleep. After a peaceful sleep of several hours she sat up to the table and ate a hearty meal, a thing she had never done before in her life. After finishing dinner she took the Bible and read several passages. From that hour she was sound and well and in a remarkably short time she grew to weigh ninety pounds. We baptized the family and a number of their relatives."

SCOUTING

The monthly Scouters' round table met on the third Sunday of the month as usual. Sixteen interested Scouts and Scouters gathered to discuss the problems and to make programs for regular troop meetings. Troop 44 of the Elmhurst Ward conducted the opening ceremony, and passed on to us the idea of reading from the Handbook for Boys any short paragraph which might be opened to by the Scout designated to conduct.

The Scout leaders in each ward troop will form a patrol in the Stake round table troop and will operate as any regular patrol in a troop.

Our Stake Scouters are to blossom forth in M. I. A. Green-Gold neckerchiefs at the monthly round table.

A Stake rally for all L. D. S. troops to be held some time this M. I. A. season. The idea met with a warm reception. A questionnaire has been sent to Scoutmasters for suggestions for such a rally.

The handicraft demonstration was the making of rope from binder's twine. This was demonstrated by six smartly uniformed Scouts from Troop 44. The piece of rope made will be the first piece of handicraft to decorate our troop meeting room in the Oakland chapel.

Troop 8 of the Berkeley Ward will conduct the opening and also the handicraft at our November meeting. Words of commendation were given to the Elmhurst troop for their splendid camping demonstration record and for having won the honor of going to Stockton for the regional camporal where they camped for 24 hours with the best Scout campers of northern California. Some 2200 Scouts spent this overnight together at Stockton on the week-end of October 13-14.

Troop 8 of Berkeley has issued another copy of their "Troop 8 Crier."

Troop 72 of Dimond announces its opening Court of Honor for Sunday evening, November 11, at the ward chapel. Scout troops from the other wards are invited to come in their uniforms.

Under the leadership of Scout S. Michaelson, Troop 44, the Moose Patrol returned from the Stockton Camporal with an "A" rating certificate. Every Scout in the patrol is an A-1 camper.

Troop 44 announces its Court of Honor to be held at the Elmhurst Ward on Thursday evening, November 15.

An Eagle Court of Honor will be held by the Berkeley Ward troop in January.

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IRVING P. BEESLEY.

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When? Where? How?

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

RELIEF SOCIETY

"Back to the scriptures" movement is the new project sponsored by Sister Louise Y. Robinson, president of the National Women's Relief Society, at Relief Society Stake conference. "We should revert to the practices of our fathers in the teaching of scripture to our children," said Sister Robinson.

Relief work was the subject of a special meeting Sunday morning in which Sister Robinson stressed the need of correlation of Relief Society charity activities with government bureaus rather than substitution. Mr. Arthur Greenleigh, field administrator, S. E. R. A., described the administrative procedure and in general outlined the relief projects under way.

The following very gratifying reports on magazine subscriptions have been sent in by the wards:

Ward	Members	Magazines
Alameda	30	25*
Balboa	37	45
Berkeley	70	28
Burlingame	29	26*
Dimond	61	46
Elmhurst	60	34
Martinez	17	8
Mission	39	20
Oakland	55	56
Richmond	22	27
San Francisco	57	42
Sunset	40	39
Pittsburg	20	5

*Other members have access to magazine.

PRIMARY

Everyone who has been connected with the Primary the last few years will regret that Supt. Minnie Alice Hicken has had to be released because of ill health. We all join in hoping she will soon be completely recovered, but we are sure her interests will always be with the Primary work. Sister Margaret Gardner felt it necessary to be released also, on account of home ties.

Sister Gladys R. Winter, who was first assistant to Sister Hicken, was sustained as Stake superintendent, with Sister Deane White as first assistant. Sister White has been doing splendid work on the board for several months.

As secretary, we were fortunate in securing the services of Sister Margaret Hawkes, who has recently moved in the Bay region. She is well grounded in her knowledge of Primary work, as her mother was Stake superintendent in Idaho for twenty years.

Sister Gladys Checketts will serve as a group leader. She is also a new-comer to the Bay region, but has worked extensively in the Primary in Salt Lake.

Another splendid worker from another city is Sister Louise Nelson (Portland), a new resident in San Francisco. While in Portland she helped to build up the Primary as a strong missionary unit.

We expect to have other capable board workers in the immediate future, whom we are sure will help make our fine primaries do even better work.

M. I. A.

Stake functions:
Nov. 28—Utah-Idaho ball, San Francisco.
Dec. 15—Stake Drama.
Jan. 29—Adult party on both sides of bay.
Feb. 8—Junior festival, East Bay.
Feb. 22—Green and Gold ball, East Bay.
March 22—Gleaner banquet.
April 5 or 12—Music festival.
April 30—Senior party, both sides of bay.
May 12—Mothers' Day tea. Gleaners.
May 17—Beehive Swarm day.
May 28—Stake honor night, East Bay.
May 30—Field Day, Golden Gate Park.

The annual Utah-Idaho ball will be held in San Francisco Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, in the Fairmont Hotel Gold Room. This is the opening event on the Stake recreation calendar, and promises to be a most successful affair. A cordial invitation to all to be there.

JOY AND PLEASURE

"Adam fell that men might be, and men are that they might have joy."—Lehi.

"Joy is everlasting. Pleasure is only momentary—its memory a hollow mockery. Acts that bring no sorrow to others—no regrets—no heartaches—that is JOY."—David O. McKay.

"Be thou joyful," said Solomon.

How?
Live true and fully!
—Work earnestly
—Suffer patiently
—Serve faithfully!

Marriages

HANSEN-HANSEN — Dorothy Hansen of Dimond and LaVern Hansen of Salt Lake were married Sept. 26 by Bishop Lauper.

FRYER-CARSTENSON — Agnes Marie Fryer and Frank T. Carstenson of Salt Lake were married by Pres. Landward of Burlingame Oct. 15.

HUITING-HANSEN — Beth Huiting and Andry W. Hansen of Mission were married by Bishop Merrill Oct. 3.

HUGHES-FOWLER—Marcella Hughes and Theodore T. Fowler, Oct. 9, by Bishop Nalder.

STOUT-NICHOLS—Eleanor T. Stout and Berne L. Nichols of Salt Lake, Oct. 12, by Bishop Nalder.

EDWARDS-LILES — Viola Edwards and Samuel B. Liles of Hollywood, Oct. 16, by Bishop Nalder.

Births

SON, born to Mrs. Dorothy Chase Rutherford of Dimond, Oct. 12.

DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. Willard D. Ellis of Berkeley.

SON, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clare C. Hunt of Alameda, Oct. 17.

News from Wards

SAN FRANCISCO

On October 4 a choir was organized in the San Francisco Ward with Mrs. Mary Kroman as president, Carl O. Birgquist as chorister, Miss Golda Lylia as organist, and Mrs. Olaf Birkland as secretary.

Bishop and Mrs. John Wells spent several days visiting points of interest in San Francisco, en route to visit their son in San Diego.

Miss Yvonne Peterson is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Sentell Young. Miss Peterson is the daughter of former Bishop Peterson of the Hollywood Ward.

The Relief Society gave a luncheon in honor of the outgoing officers of the Ward Relief Society. Mrs. Clara L. McAuley, Mrs. Lillian Fahnlander, Mrs. Myrtle Larison, secretary, were honorably released. Mrs. Serena B. Farnsworth, former president, is residing in Philadelphia with her son and his family. Mrs. Alta K. Hammer was in charge of arrangements.

One of the most outstanding parties of the year was the one given by the building committee at the Trianon Ballroom, October 26. Dr. John R. Fitzgerald was in charge of arrangements. A large crowd was in attendance. A popular lady contest resulted in Miss Laverne Malin being chosen and presented with a very beautiful overnight bag. Cider and doughnuts were served to carry out the Hallowe'en spirit of the party. The King sisters entertained with several numbers.

ALAMEDA

Alameda is proud of its hard-working and inspiring Mutual Improvement organization. The leaders are making the meetings both pleasant and instructive.

The deacons under the direction of Donald W. Hughes tried their skill at rowing on Lake Merritt on Thursday evening, Oct. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare C. Hunt are the proud parents of a fine new boy born Oct. 17.

Peter Borup represented the Branch Presidency at the semi-annual conference in Salt Lake. He spent a few days visiting with his family and friends in Ogden.

Francis M. Tidwell is again in our midst after spending some time in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sharp of the Oakland ward, who have been helping us in the Mutual, are again with us after a vacation trip to Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Tuttle and son Don, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Tuttle, spent three weeks in southern Utah with relatives.

Mrs. Schow of Brigham City is spending a few days with Mrs. Norma Hunt, her daughter, and new grandson.

Mrs. Relda Hansen has returned home after three months with her parents in Garland, Utah.

We welcome new residents in Alameda: Mr. and Mrs. Azar Evans and family and Miss Esther McRae.

BERKELEY

One of the most important and significant events in the history of the Berkeley Ward was the ground breaking for the new Berkeley chapel, Oct. 6. On Friday evening preceding, a dinner, program and dance was given, a most successful and enthusiastic affair. A delicious dinner was served and was followed by a program. Brief talks were given by Bishop Dunyan, Reed S. Gardner, Francis R. Wilcox, Archie G. Hill and Pres. J. Edward Johnson. Alma D. Erickson acted as toastmaster. Theodore G. Ruegg, architect, gave a series of pictures of the chapel and explained the plans. About three hundred guests were in attendance and Berkeley Ward is looking forward with eagerness to the completion of our new place of worship.

Berkeley Ward welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Carr and family. They will be a valuable addition to our ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard D. Ellis are receiving the congratulations of their many friends on the birth of a daughter.

Denzel C. Allen has left for the Philippine Islands, where he will spend the next four months.

Mr. and Mrs. George Southgate have recently returned from Salt Lake. While there they attended conference and did work in Salt Lake Temple.

Dr. Raymond L. Knight has been appointed by the Bishopric to take charge of the soliciting of labor for the Berkeley chapel. Friends from other wards who desire to assist on the chapel, should phone Dr. Knight, AShbury 7178, or 5974.

Fi-Wo-Ca Literary Club entertained their friends at an open house at the City Club on Oct. 24. A fine program was given. Eighty guests were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Noall and family are spending the winter in Berkeley. Dr. Noall will do graduate work at the University while here.

Mr. Fred Ebersole has been appointed superintendent of building for the chapel now being erected. The ward is appreciative of his fine spirit of co-operation and helpfulness.

Mr. William A. Moody has returned from Salt Lake where he attended conference.

NEWS FROM THE WARDS

MARTINEZ

Mrs. Einer Johnson is home from a local hospital.

The Relief Society held the annual bazaar and buffet supper Oct. 5.

Dwere Cullum and Beverly Wadsworth were baptized Oct. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fitzpatrick were speakers at our Sacrament meeting Oct. 7.

Babies of Arland Olson, Ruel Wanles, Marion Wanles were blessed October 7.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday School were entertained at the home of Mrs. Florence Robison.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Summerhays were speakers at the Sacrament meeting Oct. 14.

Miss Elsie Knight is spending two weeks with her folks at Roseville.

The speakers at Sacrament meeting Oct. 21 were Mrs. Rose Birgen, Frank Blair and Pres. Wm. T. Hicken.

OAKLAND

Miss Marie Thomas has returned from an extended vacation in Lewiston, Idaho.

Mildred Evans entertained her Sunday School class at a party Saturday, October 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Heiselt have returned from a month's trip through Utah and Colorado.

There was no Mutual October 30. Instead a most successful Hallowe'en party.

We welcome Elder Ralph Barney, a recently returned Northern States missionary, to our ward.

The November Conjoint program will be under the direction of the Junior Girls with Elder Barney as the speaker.

We are all glad to hear that Genevieve Bergman is recovering after a serious illness.

The Primary had a Hallowe'en party Saturday, October 27.

The Oakland M. Men and Gleaner Girls staged a pantomime, "Wild Nell," at the Stake picnic at Chabot Park.

ELMHURST

The Elmhurst Ward is proud to congratulate the Moose Patrol of Troop 44 on their showing at the Boy Scout Camporees! Among the fifteen hundred boys present at Stockton, they were one of the troops to receive "A" rating. Each boy was presented with a special scout emblem. The boys are: Stan Michalson, patrol leader; Bob Brummett, scribe; Dick Allphin, Don Schipper, John Soelberg, Roland Nethercott, David Kleepsie, Corky Vis.

Mrs. John S. Hansen has just left for her home in Salt Lake City, after a five weeks stay with her sisters—Mrs. H. B. Brummett and Miss Sophie Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stoker, with their daughters, Jacqueline and Mary, spent a week in Los Angeles visiting friends and relatives.

A Junior Genealogical class was organized on September 24. Their first meeting was held on October 8.

Mrs. R. T. Cox, wife of our Sunday school superintendent, is home from the hospital, where she has been confined for several weeks. She has not yet fully acquired use of her paralyzed limbs.

Miss LaRae Atkinson, from Gerlach, Nevada, spent a month with her friend, Barbara Paine.

We welcome home Miss Helen McFarlane, after four months visiting friends and relatives in Ogden, Utah, and Cincinnati, Ohio. She returned by way of Chicago, where she spent some time visiting the World's Century of Progress.

Miss Edith Stout of Kemmerer, Wyoming, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Edmonds.

VALLEJO

Mr. and Mrs. Julian P. Briellatt have returned from a honeymoon in Illinois and Arizona.

The Vallejo Sunday school was reorganized on October 7 with Parley H. Merrill superintendent, Edward Kingsford and Theodore Henderson assistants, and Helen Ann Cheshire as organist. All other officers remained intact.

October 7 holds another important event in the history of the Vallejo Branch, as it met for the first time in its new location, the Vallejo Women's Club Building at 245 York Street. Joseph E. Robinson of Sonoma was the speaker at the Sacrament meeting held at 7:30 in the evening, instead of immediately after Sunday school as heretofore.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carr were speakers at the evening services on October 14.

The Relief Society was reorganized October 7 with Katherine Christensen, president; Ruby Larsen and Ruth E. Cheshire, counselors.

Vallejo enjoyed a real treat in the Sacrament meeting October 21, when they had as speakers John Soelberg and E. M. Davey.

Tuesday, October 23, the Relief Society sponsored a get-together Hallowe'en party.

MISSION

Miss Bessie Bevan, former M. I. A. secretary, and Randolph Wood, talented musician of Salt Lake, were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs Wallace Allred, Sept. 18. Elder Wallace Allred of the Bishopric performed the ceremony. Immediately following, the couple left for Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Beth Huiting and Mr. Andy W. Hansen were married October 3 at the home of Bishop Fred Merrill. Bishop Merrill officiated.

Mrs. Alice Jensen was released as second counselor in the Relief Society. Mrs. Hedwig Struck was sustained to fill the vacancy.

Herbert Hampton has been released as teacher in Sunday school.

Harold R. Jenson returned recently after a short vacation in Idaho.

Mrs. Hedwig Struck was a conference visitor in Salt Lake City.

Troop 107, under the leadership of Herbert Hampton, have been busy recruiting new members and have been enjoying weekly swimming parties.

Seventy-six persons enjoyed the 'Round the World Trip given by the Genealogical class October 5.

The M. I. A. are now enjoying their new meeting place in the American Hall, Capp and Twentieth Streets. The new home affords class rooms sufficient for the various M. I. A. activities.

Pres. Ernest Landward of Burlingame Branch, will be the speaker at the November Conjoint meeting.

Mrs. Alex. D. Edgar the Stake organist for the M.I.A. was a visitor in Mutual October 15, and left many ideas for which we are grateful.

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SUNSET

Programs for November:

Nov. 4—M. I. A. Conjoint. Speaker, Mrs. Janet Nilssen. Music by Mormon Male Chorus.

Nov. 11—Speaker, Geo. W. Bagley.

Nov. 18—Stake speakers, Allphin, Hickenlooper, Uhlig.

Nov. 25—Speaker, Chas. C. Carr.

Mrs. Millie Johnson has been sustained as second counselor to President Janet Purdy of the Relief Society, succeeding Mrs. Mae White, recently released. Mrs. White has been sustained as second counselor in the Primary Association.

Mrs. Lillian Casford conducted a hike with her Primary "Trail Builders" October 27.

Beehive and Junior Girls enjoyed a swimming party at the Y. W. C. A. Monday evening, Oct. 29, under the direction of Ruby Ellwood and Leone Burnham.

M. Men and Gleaner Girls enjoyed a Hallowe'en party at the home of Mrs. Janice George Oct. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rudy are "house-warming" in their beautiful new home on Plymouth Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Stein of Ogden are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard E. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ray entertained at a Hallowe'en party at the Recreation Hall on Oct. 30. Forty-eight guests were present. Dancing, games and refreshments filled a pleasant evening.

BURLINGAME

Honoring Ruth Bentley, counselor, and Golda Ohran, secretary, retiring officers of the Branch Relief Society, a surprise party was given September 25. Thirty-five ward members were present to fete these sisters. Tokens of appreciation were given each for their splendid services.

Officers of the Relief Society for the coming season are: Bertha Ohran, president; Maude Roberts and Inez Underwood, counselors, and Naomi S. MacCabe, secretary. They have already shown their enthusiasm by 100 per cent magazine campaign.

Reorganization of the Sunday school effected recently, where Victor E. Bule succeeds James Stringham as second assistant superintendent. This change was made necessary because of working conditions. The Sunday school is now officered by O. H. Taylor, superintendent; Harvey E. Robinson and Victor E. Bule assistants, and Velma Stringham, secretary.

Agnes Marie Fryer and Franklin T. Carstenson were married October 15, by President Landward, at the home of Mr. Carstenson's sister, Mrs. F. N. Almstead, in Millbrae. Both young people are former residents of Salt Lake City. They will make their home in Palo Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Nelson and son are new additions to the Burlingame Branch, coming from Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Petersen and Joanne are other welcome additions to our ward. Brother Petersen has been the clerk in San Francisco Ward for the past several years.

At our Sacrament meeting Sunday, October 21, in addition to Stake Missionaries E. E. Morgenegg and Alfred F. Uhlig, we were honored with the presence of Geo. S. Peterson, father of Paul and Joseph Peterson of our ward. Brother Peterson, Sr., has been a member of the Lehi 2nd Ward Bishopric for the past 15 years. A very spiritual and enlightening meeting was held.

DIMOND

Herbert Weiland, ward clerk for more than two years, has been released due to his musical activities. The ward was unanimous in sustaining Albert Fitzpatrick to succeed him.

Margaret Fisher, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ray H. Fisher, a student at U. C., has been elected to Phi Betta Kappa, the national honor society.

Two teachers, Eugene S. Hilton and Raymond Booth, have been ordained Priests.

Two of Dimond's most popular young people were united in marriage recently when Blanche Daybell became the bride of Horace Cherrington in the Salt Lake Temple September 26. After a honeymon trip through the northwest they returned to be guests of honor at several nice parties.

Albert Fitzpatrick has been appointed Stake caterer to take charge of the lunches served each conference Sunday. He was a dining car conductor on the Southern Pacific for several years. At our recent conference he was capably assisted by members of the Genealogical Stake Board.

Donna Phelps who underwent an operation at a San Francisco Orthopedic hospital, is recovering nicely.

Dimond is proud of its Primary organization. At a recent meeting seventy-three children were present. Supt. Mavis Humphries feels that it is due to holding Primary Saturday morning when the children are untired by school and enjoy themselves more. And Dimond mothers appreciate the opportunity of leaving their children in good hands for two hours while they attend to shopping.

A reorganization in the Genealogical Society, with the release of Frances Olson, Dr. Glen R. Dorius has been sustained as president, James H. England as first counselor. Other officers will be announced later.

We welcome as new church members Mrs. T. S. Hartman and daughters Frances and Betty, who were baptized recently.

October 11 was the annual Relief Society opening social. The hall was decorated in an Indian Summer idea with much of the program in the same thought. President Carruth, Mrs. Clawson, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Nelson were Stake visitors.

Mrs. Dorothy Chase Rutherford is the mother of a fine son born Oct. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. England have returned from Salt Lake City, where they attended conference.

Margaret E. Gordon, formerly of Dimond Ward and a member of the Stake Genealogical Board, has been called to superintendent the Genealogical department of the California Mission. We wish her much success and happiness in her new calling.

A dance honoring our returned missionary, Evelyn Mayer, is set for Friday night, Nov. 30.

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